

From: [Hal Rosenthal](#)
To: [Ohoi, David, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXT] Request for Public Hearing – GR007RE Little Rock Mine - Regular Existing Mining Operation - Revision 20-1
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:25:31 AM

July 9, 2020

Mr. David Ohoi, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)
Mining and Minerals Division/EMNRD
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Request for Public Hearing – GR007RE Little Rock Mine - Regular Existing Mining
Operation - Revision 20-1

Dear Mr. Ohoi:

We, as members of the Oak Grove Community, request a public hearing on the Little Rock Mine permit amendment application (GR007RE Little Rock Mine - Regular Existing Mining Operation - Revision 20-1). It is important for the public, particularly those in the Oak Grove Community, which is less than 2 miles from the proposed permit area, to understand the implications of this permit amendment. Particularly at issue is how Freeport-McMoRan intends to protect the groundwater quality — including water disposal into Deadman's Canyon — and the large quantity of water usage.

Please confirm your receipt of this request.

Thank you, and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Jill Winans
Hal Rosenthal
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Silver, City, NM 88061

From: [Ronald Parry](#)
To: [Ohori, David, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXT] Request for Public Hearing regarding GR007RE Little Rock Mine-Regular Existing Mining Operation Revision 20-1
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:18:28 PM

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Request for Public Hearing – GR007RE Little Rock Mine - Regular Existing Mining Operation - Revision 20-1

Dear Mr. Ohori:

I am a resident of the Oak Grove Community, and I am concerned about the possible impacts of the Little Rock Men permit amendment application (GR007RE Little Rock Mine - Regular Existing Mining Operation - Revision 20-1) on the Oak Grove Community. I would therefore like to join other members of the Community in requesting a public hearing on the potential impacts of this amendment application on our Community. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Yours Sincerely,

Ronald Parry
32 Diamond A Dr.
Silver City NM 88061



July 2, 2020

TO: JERRY Schoeppner
DIRECTOR MINING + MINERALS DIVISION
1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DRIVE
SANTA FE, NM 87505

FROM: DON TARULLI
317 SHRINE MINE RD.
SILVER CITY, NM 88061

CONCERNING

TYRONE INC. PERMIT # GROOTRE
PERMIT REVISION TO LITTLE ROCK MINE

I OWN THE NEAREST PRIVATE WELL
WEST OF THE LITTLE ROCK MINE.
SECTION 13, T. 19S, R. 16W
WELL PERMIT GSF-4296

MY WELL IS 500 FT. DEEP. BETWEEN THE
REOPENING OF THE LITTLE ROCK MINE AND
2016 THE STATIC WATER LEVEL
DROPPED 100 FT.

THE NOISE FROM MINING OPERATIONS
AT NIGHT IS OFTEN UNACCEPTABLE.

I AM AGAINST EXPANDING THE LITTLE
ROCK MINE AND WOULD LIKE A PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED ABOUT THIS.

Don Tarulli. July 2, 2020



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July 13, 2020

Jerry Schoeppner, Director
Mining and Minerals Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Via e-mail: jerry.schoeppner@state.nm.us

RE: Little Rock Mine Expansion, Permit Revision 20-1, Tyrone Permit No. GR007RE

Dear Mr. Schoeppner:

On behalf of the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), I would like to request a public hearing on Permit Revision 20-1 Tyrone Permit No. GR007RE for the Little Rock Mine expansion.

There are a number of concerns that are of interest to the public and therefore warrant a hearing including the following:

- Increase in the Little Rock Mining Area design limit and the Little Rock Mine permit boundary;
- Formation of a pit lake at closure that may pose a water quality risk to wildlife;
- Groundwater flow and drawdown that may impact water quality and water supply at adjacent residential properties;
- Construction of three new waste rock stockpiles, associated materials handling, and use of waste rock as reclamation cover material;
- Construction of two new haul roads that cross Deadman Canyon, determined to be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act in 2017 and reaffirmed in 2018. Given the WOTUS rule recently went into effect, how will the State of NM address surface water quality issues that may impact the Gila River?
- Any concerns adjacent property owners may have associated with expansion of Little Rock, such as nuisance dust, noise, lights, and blasting.

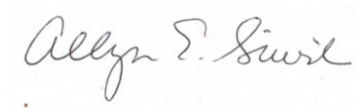
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- Proposed reclamation activities to restore the Little Rock Mine to its post-mining land use;
- Reclamation cost estimate and associated financial assurance.

GRIP's technical consultant, Jim Kuipers, is in the process of reviewing the Little Rock application and Closure/Closeout Plan. We hope to schedule a conference call to discuss our comments with you and your staff in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allyson Siwik". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Allyson Siwik
Executive Director

Cc: Jim Kuipers, Kuipers and Associates
Holland Shepherd, EMNRD/MMD
David Ohori, EMNRD/MMD
Kurt Vollbrecht, NMED/MECS